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In re application of:

NOBORU YAMASHITA, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/582,404

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2002, please consider the following remarks. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 in the following manner: